(घ) कोलियरियों के क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी और कोयला माफिया क्रिया-कलापों को रोके जाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में, अन्य बातों के अलावा, निम्न कदम शामिल हैं :—

(1) कोयला कंपनियों की सुरक्षा कार्मिकों तथा केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सी० आई०एस०एफ०) द्वारा गहन रूप में गश्त लगाया जाना ।

(2) राज्य/जिला प्राधिकारियों के साथ निकटतम सम्पर्क रखा जाना ।

(3) सी०आई०एस०एफ० तथा स्थानीय पुलिस द्वारा गैर कानूनी कोयले के डिपों पर छापे मारा जाना ।

(4) सुरक्षा कार्मिकों द्वारा अचानक जांच/छापे मारा जाना ।

(5) अपराधियों को पुलिस को सौंपा जाना तथा प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट दर्ज किया जाना ।

(6) आंसूचना से माध्यम से सूचना का संग्रहण किया जाना ।

Colliery Control Order, 1945

7601. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state-.

(a) whether Colliery Control Order, 1945 has been reviewed during the last 50 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the functions of the Coal Controller; and

(d) what would be the functions of the Coal Controller in the light of the liberalisation scheme and giving permis sion to foreign companies for exploration of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) :(a) and (b) Colliery Control Order 1945 and notifications issued thereunder are being reviewed and modified from time to time to suit the changing situations. Some of the recent notifications provide for making Coal Controller as the authority for distribution of coal, exempting coal sold under Liberalised Sales Scheme from some controls, and empowering the Govern-ment to exempt certain transactions from the provisions of the Colliery Control Order.

(c) Main functions of the Coal Controller are as follows :—

(i) to monitor the quality of coal;

(ii) to grant permission for opening and reopening of seams and mines;

(iii) to undertake distribution of coal;

(iv) to make recommendations, for. payment of subsidy towards stowing and protective works for conservation purposes; and

(v) to assess and sollest stowing excise duty.

(d) There is no proposal at present to. modify the functions of the Coal Con-_ trailer.

Large scale shortage of cpal

7602. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a large scale shortage of coal which was conveyed to Government by concerned authorities recently; and

(b) what artion has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) A Government Committee was appointed " on. , 27-7-92 to look into the stock shortages in Bharat Coking Coal Limited. The Committee submitted its report on 24-12-92 reporting stock shortages, upto 1991-92. Action has been initiated